



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW2005

AUGUST 15, 2005

Hot and Humid!

Delaware farmers experienced suitable weather conditions last week with hot temperatures and a few rain showers. **Corn** continues to progress, with 77 percent in the dough stage; above the five year average of 67 percent. Sweet **corn** harvest is on schedule with 61 percent harvested compared with 60 percent last year and 59 percent for the five-year average . There were **7.0 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits were in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 5 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

Pastures were in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 13 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	17	9	12	16
Cantaloups	53	47	57	54
Cucumbers	67	66	64	58
Lima Beans	30	27	50	16
Peaches	62	47	89	68
Potatoes	52	51	46	49
Snap Beans	74	67	90	75
Sweet Corn	61	53	60	59
Tomatoes	50	37	51	43
Watermelons	55	50	65	50
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	58	55	87	65
Soybeans Setting Pods	30	22	54	38
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	80	57	75	63
Other Hay 3 rd Cutting	35	20	44	44

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	18	79	3
Topsoil (2004)	1	13	59	27
Five Year Average	15	16	47	22
Subsoil Moisture	-	15	85	-
Subsoil (2004)	10	8	68	14
Five Year Average	20	9	55	16

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.35	31.65	6.17	94	69	80	4
Easton	1.47	29.74	1.92	94	70	80	4
Frederick	0.34	26.65	1.95	98	68	80	9
Frostburg	1.05	25.71	-5.09	90	62	73	6
Hagerstown	0.25	18.4	-5.88	96	67	79	5
Mechanicsville	2.68	27.86	-0.61	92	68	79	4
Patuxent River	2.67	27.5	1.37	92	73	82	7
Ocean City	0.45	30.64	2.2	92	71	80	6
Salisbury	0.01	32.74	4.23	94	64	79	3
Sharpsburg	0.58	22.83	-1.87	97	66	78	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.33	28.21	4.24	95	72	82	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.43	32.83	5.38	93	70	80	4
Georgetown	1.66	29.88	2.4	94	69	80	6
Wilmington	0.21	24.5	-1.47	96	69	81	6

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.